

# Alaska Local and Regional Information

## Workforce Info

### Ketchikan

Ketchikan is a home rule city located on the southwestern coast of Revillagigedo Island, opposite Gravina Island, near the southern boundary of Alaska. It is an industrial center and a major port of entry in Southeast Alaska. Ketchikan is part of the Ketchikan Gateway Borough.

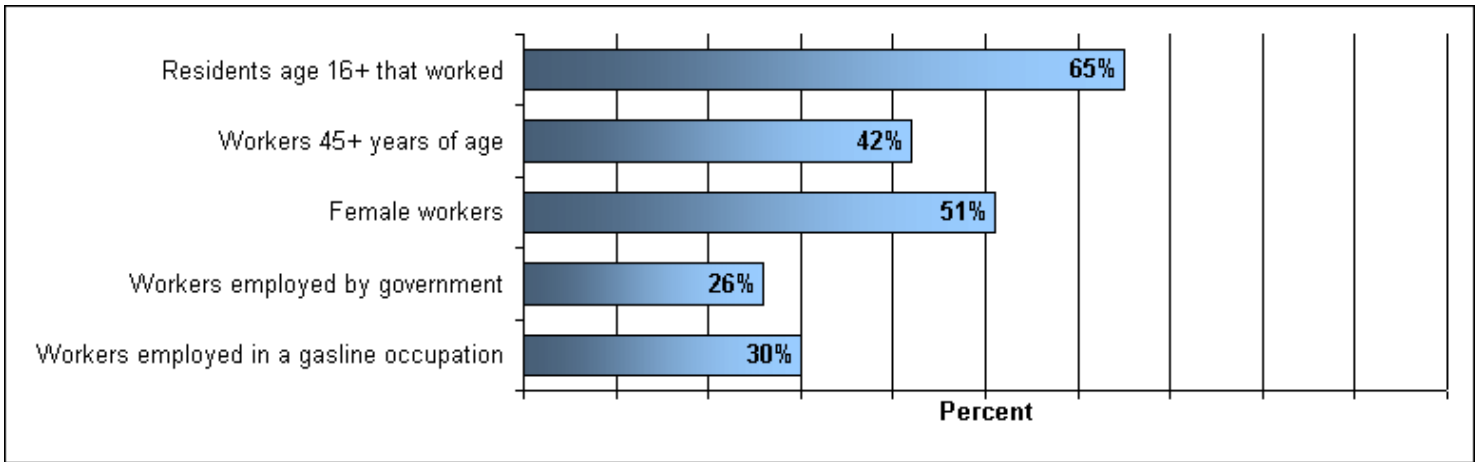
- ♦ The estimated population for 2008 was 7,508, a loss of about 414 since the 2000 Census.
- ♦ About 65 percent of the resident population 16+ years old worked in 2008.
- ♦ Trade, Transportation and Utilities was the main industry in 2008, employing 27 percent of the area's workers.
- ♦ More workers were employed as Retail Salespersons than any other occupation.

Please note: There is an important distinction between the local/regional employment data and our "standard" employment series. Most of these data reflect totals for area residents only. Total worker counts may be lower than expected in areas with a large number of nonresident workers. The Alaska Permanent Fund dividend file is used to determine the worker's geographic residence. Only Alaska residents (as defined by PFD application) are included in these totals. Also note that federal employees, the military, and the self-employed are not included in these data.

Ketchikan Resident Snapshot (2008)			
Working Age Residents		Wages	
Residents age 16+	5,556	Total wages	\$110,693,555
Resident Worker Characteristics		Resident Workers by Sector	
Total	3,621	Private	2,676
Male	1,787	State government	341
Female	1,827	Local government	604
Age 45+	1,505	Quarterly Number of Resident Workers	
Age 50+	1,059	Peak (2nd) quarter workers	3,295
		Percent working all 4 quarters	69.0%
Unemployment		Construction/AGIA Occupation Experience (2004-2008)	
UI Claimants	568	Some construction	496
		At least 1 year construction	247
New Hires		At least 2 years construction	154
New hires	1,238	Worked in an <b>AGIA</b> occupation	2,328

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## 2008 Residents

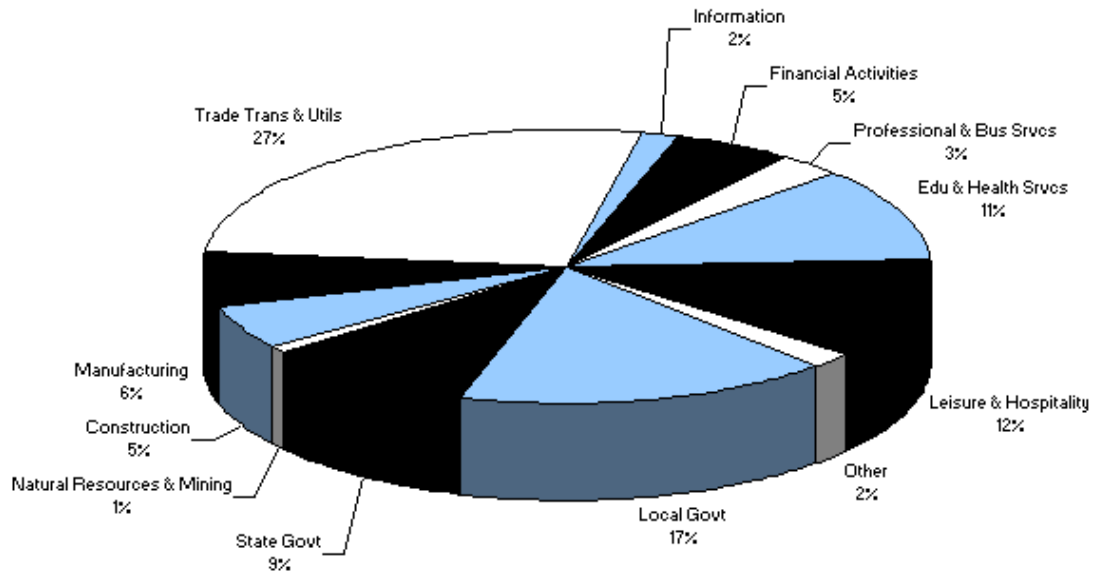


## Top Occupations

	Number employed	Percent female	Age 45+	Age 50+
Retail Salespersons	177	68.4%	52	38
Cashiers	138	75.4%	53	36
Meat, Poultry, and Fish Cutters and Trimmers	116	31.3%	66	51
Construction Laborers <b>AGIA HOT JOB</b>	87	11.5%	30	20
Office Clerks, General <b>AGIA</b>	77	82.9%	30	20
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand <b>AGIA</b>	74	5.4%	17	9
Transportation Attendants, Except Flight Attendants and Baggage Porters	67	36.4%	36	20
Maintenance and Repair Workers, General <b>AGIA</b>	64	3.1%	38	29
Nursing Aides, Orderlies, and Attendants	58	87.9%	24	21
Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners <b>AGIA</b>	57	30.4%	34	27
Sales and Related Workers, All Other	53	37.7%	23	17
Waiters and Waitresses	51	80.4%	8	7
Elementary School Teachers, Except Special Education <b>HOT JOB</b>	50	74.0%	31	24
Personal Care and Service Workers, All Other	49	62.5%	15	14
Tour Guides and Escorts	48	50.0%	13	11
Teacher Assistants	47	85.1%	20	16
Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners <b>AGIA</b>	47	72.3%	22	19
Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing Clerks <b>AGIA HOT JOB</b>	46	97.8%	25	17
Sailors and Marine Oilers	46	2.2%	23	17
Stock Clerks and Order Fillers <b>AGIA</b>	43	16.3%	9	6

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## Resident Workers by Industry



### Workers by Industry

	Number employed	Percent female	Age 45+	Age 50+
Natural Resources and Mining	33	12.1%	17	14
Construction	189	13.8%	70	41
Manufacturing	228	26.4%	111	83
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	969	47.6%	345	231
Information	55	45.5%	16	11
Financial Activities	194	62.9%	63	40
Professional and Business Services	104	44.7%	56	42
Educational and Health Services	399	70.6%	183	138
Leisure and Hospitality	432	59.0%	138	103
State Government	341	46.8%	191	132
Local Government	604	55.7%	285	203
Other	71	74.6%	29	20
Unknown	*	*	*	*

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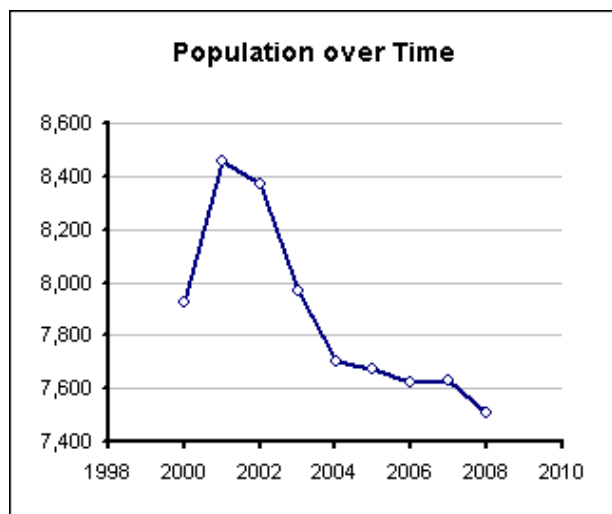
### Recent Unemployment Statistics

	09/2009	10/2009	11/2009	12/2009
UI Claimants**	312	464	545	644

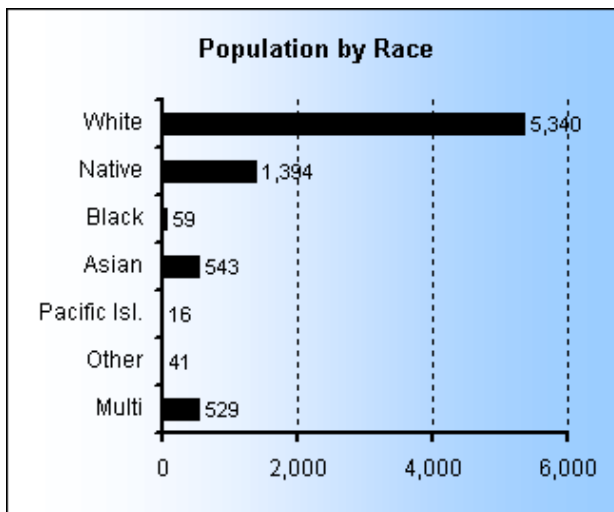
\*\*UI claimants are individuals in this area who had an active claim at any time during the month.

## Top Employers (ranked by number of workers)

State of AK (excludes U of A)
Peace Health-Ketchikan General Hospital
KTN City of
KTN Gateway Boro Sch Dist
KTN Indian Corp
KTN Gateway Borough
Wal-Mart Associates Inc
Safeway Inc
Alaska Ship & Drydock Inc
Williams Inc
Community Connections Inc
E C Phillips & Son Inc



2000 Census	
Median Age	35.8
Average Family Size	3.1
Average Household Size	2.4
Per Capita Income	\$22,484
Median Family Income	\$52,529
Median Household Income	\$45,802



(Note: Racial classification is based on self identification. The "Multi" category consists of those who claim to be members of more than one race. The "Native" category includes Alaska Natives and American Indians.)

Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section  
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